## **Get Organized**

When possible, reach out to existing groups which may have similar goals or represent the same community. The Mid-County Regional Services Center can help identify groups in your area.

These groups can offer the opportunity for a range of partnerships through their existing structure and resources. You may be the "shot in the arm" that helps a struggling or dormant organization become more relevant and responsive to the needs of its membership.

If there are no existing community organizations or you decide to form a group more closely tailored to your specific goals, begin by identifying two or three others willing to join an "organization committee."

The organization committee can help with:

- Selecting an interim group leader;
- Suggesting topics for agenda/goals of the organization;
- Establishing a place and time for meetings such as a centrally located home, community center, or school and a time during the week that works best, usually after dinner; and
- Setting tentative geographic boundaries and a name for your organization.